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FUNDS FROM SUPERVISOR TO HELP PONY LEAGUE SPRUCE UP FACILITIES

SAN BERNARDINO – According to Art Solis \$15,000 will go a long way to help the Inland Empire Pony Baseball league clean up its home field in San Bernardino.

San Bernardino County 5th District Supervisor Josie Gonzales today awarded the money to help the league to renovate its bathrooms, kitchen and snack bar at Palm Field.

Solis, who is president of the Inland Empire Pony Baseball program, sought Supervisor Gonzales' support for the improvement project, as well as support from other elected officials and local business owners.

"I would like to thank Supervisor Gonzales and so many others who have donated money and materials. They have made it possible for us to do all renovations to the field," said Solis. "When it's complete we will be just as well off as the residents in the north end."

Members of the league's board and some of the players will actually do the work to spruce up the ball field. The league also will purchase a scoreboard and use sand to pack the gopher holes in the outfield to make it safer for the players.

"These kids deserve a home field they can be proud to call their own," said Supervisor Gonzales. "I hope our assistance lets them know that we at the County Board of Supervisors care about them and that we want them to always strive to attain their own field of dreams."

Approximately 285 youth, ages four to 18-years old, participate in the Inland Empire Pony Baseball program. They live in the City of San Bernardino and the unincorporated communities of Little Third, Arrowhead Farms, Del Rosa and Muscoy.

The 5th District includes the unincorporated areas of Bloomington, Muscoy and Arrowhead Farms, the city of Rialto, major portions of the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, and a segment of the city of Fontana.